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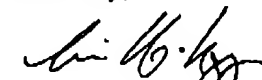
Dear Examiner Liversedge:

Thank you for taking the time to conduct a telephonic interview with us on October 13, 2006. In response to the Interview Summary transmitted the same day, we enclose the following proposed claim amendments.

Claim 14 has been rewritten to incorporate the claims from which it depends. Claim 15 and 16 depend from claim 14 and have not been amended in view of the proposed amendment to claim 14. We believe claims 14-16 are now allowable as written. As claims 14-16 were found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form and claims 28-33 were found to be allowable at the interview, a Notice of Allowance to that effect is earnestly solicited.

In addition, however, we believe that during the interview, a general understanding of the claimed invention was reached. While not conceding any arguments or positions taken by the PTO in any of the Office Actions to date, we believe that the proposed clarifying amendments to claims 1, 34, 37 and 42 put the remaining claims in condition for allowance. As such, we respectfully submit that claim 1, 34, 37 and 42 and their respective dependent claims are allowable as amended. Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. To the extent you believe that further discussion on the issue would be helpful, we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss the proposed claim amendments at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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